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Wilson's Delight
Crumpton
Private

18th century

Wilson's Delight consists of a late 19th century "I" house with an earlier building incorporated as a rear kitchen wing. This small building evidently dates to the 18th century, and was probably a one-room or two-room plan dwelling house. Details of particular interest include the winder stair enclosed with vertical feather edge paneling, exposed brick nogging in the closet under the stair, and several early doors hung on hand-wrought hinges.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wilson's Delight

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Route 544 (McGinnes Road)

JLK 9/10/97

CITY, TOWN

McGinnes

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER Vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Rutland

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Vermont 05701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 79

Folio #: 112

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wilson's Delight is located on the north side of Maryland Route 544 between McGinnes and Crumpton.

Built in two parts, the main house consists of a frame, two story, three bay "I-house" with a single flush brick chimney centered on each gable. With its decorative gable in the center of the front facade, bracketed cornice, and Victorian porch, this house is a typical example of a type that flourished in the rural Tidewater throughout the latter half of the nineteenth century.

A small frame story-and-a-half wing projects from the rear of the house, and it is this building which is of primary interest. This wing predates the main house, and appears to have been a small dwelling house that was converted to use as a kitchen. It is unclear whether the building was always on its present location, or whether it was moved from a nearby site.

In overall appearance, the exterior of this building seems relatively intact. There is a door in the north bay and a single six-over-six window in the south bay of each facade. Modern kitchen

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

windows have been cut into the center of the west facade and on either side of the stove chimney on the north gable. The east facade of the house is protected by a one-story porch, and here the original beaded weatherboard siding remains in place. The west facade and the north gable are covered with modern wood shingles. The south gable, now concealed by the adjoining house, was covered with beveled shiplap siding. The inner face of this siding is visible in the closet under the stair. Unfortunately it is not possible to ascertain whether this was exposed to the weather or served as sheathing, with beaded weatherboards nailed to it.

The interior arrangement of the wing is difficult to interpret. At present, there is one large room, with a partition at the south end of the room screening off a door to the main house and enclosing a small pantry. There is a winder stair in the southwest corner of the room; this is enclosed by vertical paneling that is constructed of feather edged boards alternating with vertical styles embellished with molded edges. The door to the stair and a smaller door to a closet under the stair are paneled and hang on wrought

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

H-L hinges. The exterior door on the west facade and the door to the pantry are both batten doors, constructed of random width beaded boards secured to beveled battens. The exterior door is hung on very large wrought H-L hinges, the pantry door is hung on wrought strap hinges.

What is puzzling about the interior is the original configuration of the plan. The logical arrangement would divide the space into two rooms, with a passage along the north gable wall and a larger parlour heated by a fireplace on the center of the south gable wall. A second possibility is that it was always a single room plan. The problem involves the relationship of the two exterior doors, the stairway, and the location of the chimney. The logical location for a fireplace and chimney is on the center of the south gable, but this would have conflicted with the closet under the stairs. Although the paneling enclosing the stair is generally associated with the 18th century, it has been facenailed in place with machine nails. The stairs themselves are also constructed with machine nails, so evidently they have been rebuilt using earlier materials.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

It is also interesting to note that the top plates along both facade walls and the corner post in the southeast corner are exposed on the interior. This initially was thought to demonstrate that Wilson's Delight was a post-and-plank house, but normal heavy framing is visible in the closet under the stair. This framing remains partially filled in with brick nogging, including one glazed brick. Also visible in this framing are a number of wrought nails, further evidence that at least the basic frame of this house is probably 18th century.

The second floor consists of a single room with a low ceiling, lighted by a six-over-six window in the northwest corner of the north gable. The roof is constructed of common rafters mitred and butted at the ridge, with lightweight collars that also serve as ceiling joists.

Dating evidence for this building is both limited and inconclusive. The stair paneling, doors, hinges, and wrought nails are typical of the 18th century. The stair framing is definitely not eighteenth century, but could date to almost any part of the nineteenth century. The roof framing is typical of the second

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

half of the nineteenth century and probably was constructed when the building was joined to the larger house. It would appear, therefore, that the basic shell is an 18th century building, and that at least one major renovation was undertaken in the nineteenth century and a second renovation occurred in the twentieth century. There is even one clue to suggest the original building was smaller than its present size. A seam in the top plate of both facade walls about five feet from the north gable may mean the original house was smaller, or it may be explained by a subsequent alteration or repair. It is unfortunate that more of the early fabric and framing is not visible, allowing a more complete analysis.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The rear wing of this house is the primary feature of architectural interest. The basic frame of the wing evidently dates to the 18th century, and was probably a one- or two-room plan dwelling house, adapted for use as a rear kitchen when the larger frame house was constructed in the latter half of the 19th century. The rear wing has been altered somewhat and little evidence remains exposed to aid in interpretation. Details of particular interest include the winder stair enclosed with vertical feather edge paneling, exposed brick nogging in the closet under the stair, and several early doors hung on hand-wrought hinges.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

7/28/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

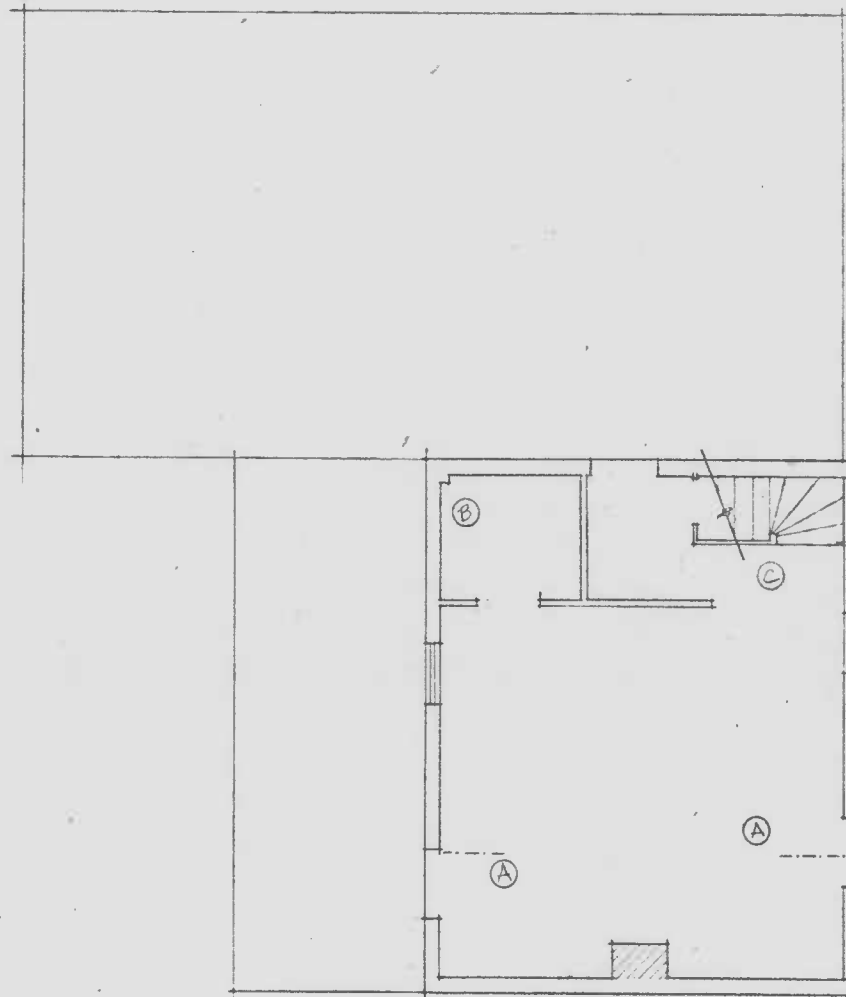
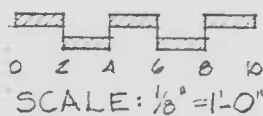
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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NOTE: EARLY STRUCTURE AND
 REAR PORCH NOW FORM REAR WING
 OF LATE 19TH CENTURY CENTER-
 HALL PLAN FARMHOUSE.

- A SEAM IN EXPOSED TOP PLATES
- B EXPOSED CORNER POST
- C VERTICAL FEATHER-EDGE PANEL-
 ING IN STAIR PARTITION



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